

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Applicant's amendment dated August 25, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 14, 18 and 19.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 27 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 10/6/04.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William E. Curry on October 6, 2004.

Cancel claims 13, 15, 16 and 17.

Further amend claim 14 (see amendments dated August 25, 2004);

14. (Currently amended) An apparatus to decrease resonance in a printed circuit board, comprising:

- a signal trace line to carry a signal;

- a ground plane to connect said signal trace line to a ground;

- a cut in said ground plane to increase a transit time of said signal through said ground plane; and

- an additional length segment within said signal trace line to increase the transit time of said signal through said signal trace line;

- said additional length segment when added to said signal trace line is to increase[s] the transit time at said signal through said signal trace line out of a resonance range.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claims 14, 18 and 19:

Claims 14, 18 and 19, previously objected to in the Office action dated May 19, 2004, have incorporated the subject matter of independent claim 13 (now cancelled).

Pankinaho (best shown in Figs. 12a – 12c) shows a resonant antenna structure comprising a cut in the ground plane (141). Pankinaho further teaches the notch or cut decreasing resonance (col. 8, lines 21-23) where the ground plane is formed on the circuit board (col. 7, lines 24,25), but does not teach the an additional length segment within the signal line to increase the transit time at the signal through the signal trace (claim 14); where the cut terminates more than 10 mils from the signal trace line (claim 18); or where a plurality of cuts are similarly located on the pcb (claim 19).

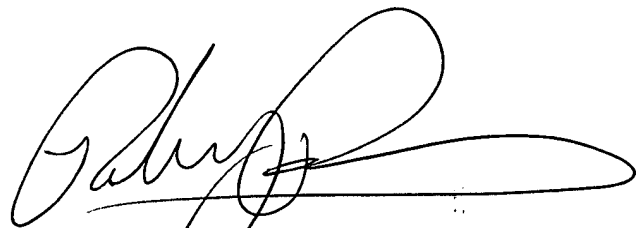
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dean O Takaoka whose telephone number is (571) 272-1772. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30a - 5:00p Mon - Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal can be reached on (571) 272-1769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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October 6, 2004

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Pascal', with a large, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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